

G.A.P. Mentoring Appeal

There is a destiny which makes us brothers. None goes on his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own! ~ Edward Markham

High hopes and low profiles---Admiration of all who recognize them as true heroes

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It is easy to say, it is not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem. Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider these people my heroes."

Mr. Rogers 1994

What is a Mentor?

- **Nurturer**
- **ADVOCATE**
- **Coach**
- **Cheerleader**
- **Confidant**
- **Friend**
- **Supporter**
- **Role Model**

Good Mentors

- ✓ Give attention
- ✓ Recognize skills and interests of youth
- ✓ Listen well with respect
- ✓ Communicate with youth
- Never replace role of parent or guardian
- Never interfere with program policies
- Do not tutor unless given permission and qualified
- Do not break trust established unless it is life threatening
- Do NOT impose own values or religious convictions; but it's ok to share and answer questions
- ✓ Provide leadership
- ✓ Help youth to reach responsible decisions
- ✓ Show up on time
- ✓ Provide emotional support
- **Do not expect dramatic changes overnight**
- **Do not serve as a youth's psychiatrist, priest, minister or rabbi, or probation officer**
- **Are not the youth's financier and ATM machine**
- **Can not provide the solutions to all issues facing youth today**

Mirror Image

Empathy

No Negativism

Teach about Teasing

Options and opportunities

Round-table

Show Affection